

***Eucharist for the Festival The Institution of Our Lord's Supper  
(Corpus Christi)***

***THE GATHERING***

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Grace and peace be with you  
**and keep you in the love of Christ.**

**Father of glory, holy and eternal,  
look upon us now in power and mercy.  
May your strength overcome our weakness,  
your radiance transform our blindness,  
and your Spirit draw us to that love  
shown and offered to us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.      **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy.   **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.      **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy on you and set you free from sin,  
strengthen you in goodness  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## *The Collect of the Day*

Let us pray.

Jesus, Saviour of the world,  
we thank you  
that in this wonderful sacrament  
you have left us a memorial of your passion:  
grant us so to reverence  
the sacred mysteries of your body and blood  
that we may know within ourselves  
the fruit of your redeeming love;  
who live and reign  
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

### **First Reading 1 Corinthians 11. 23 -26**

<sup>23</sup> I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’

<sup>25</sup>In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

### **Second Reading John 6. 51 - 58**

<sup>51</sup> Jesus said to the crowds, ‘I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.’

<sup>52</sup> The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’

<sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.

<sup>56</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.

<sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

### *The Sermon*

### *An Affirmation of the Faith*

#### *The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*The Intercessions*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The prayer ends with*

***Merciful Father,*  
accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

***THE THANKSGIVING***

*The priest takes the bread and the cup.*

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.  
**We take this bread,  
we take this wine  
to follow Christ's example  
and obey his command.**

## *THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, Father,  
in every place and at all times.  
All power is yours.  
You created the heavens and established the earth;  
you sustain in being all that is.  
In Christ your Son our life and yours  
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.  
He made his home among us  
that we might for ever dwell in you.  
Through your Holy Spirit you call us to new birth in a creation restored by  
love.  
As children of your redeeming purpose  
we offer you our praise,  
with angels and archangels and  
the company of heaven,  
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,  
most loving Father,  
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.  
He is the word existing beyond time,  
both source and final purpose,

bringing to wholeness all that is made.  
Obedient to your will he died upon the cross.  
By your power you raised him from the dead.  
He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free  
to be his body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death,  
knowing that his hour had come,  
having loved his own, he loved them to the end.  
At supper with his disciples  
he took bread and offered you thanks.  
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat.  
This is my body: it is broken for you.

After supper, he took the cup,  
he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant;  
it is poured out for you, and for all,  
that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

[Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:]

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come in glory.**

We now obey your Son's command.  
We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.  
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves,  
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and wine,  
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,  
they may be the body and blood of your Son,  
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love  
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship  
of Christ's body  
to live and work to your praise and glory;  
may we grow together in unity and love  
until at last, in your new creation,  
we enter into our heritage  
in the company of the Virgin Mary,  
the apostles and prophets,  
and of all our brothers and sisters  
living and departed,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:  
**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The priest breaks the bread.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body  
for we all share in one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God:  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins:  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world:  
give us your peace.**

The body of Christ. **Amen.**  
The blood of Christ. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

*Any consecrated bread and wine which is not to be reserved for purposes  
of communion is consumed.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:  
**his love is everlasting.**

God our Father,  
you have invited us to share in the supper  
which your Son gave to his Church  
to proclaim his death until he comes:  
may he nourish us by his presence,  
and unite us in his love;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Eternal God,  
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,  
you feed your people at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,  
that all the world may acknowledge  
the kingdom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**